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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# STATE HOSPITAL

FOR

# WOMEN AND INFANTS,

**1718 Filbert Street,**

## PHILADELPHIA.

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| Jan. 3. | To Cash received from E. L. Duer, former Treasurer | $745 63 | |
| Oct. 27. | " " " " Matron since January 3 . | 1311 50 | |
| " " | " " from donations . . . . . | 200 00 | |
| " " | " " " Ladies' Committee . . . . | 442 08 | |
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| Oct. 27. | By Cash paid for rent of Hospital Building . . | $675 00 | |
| " " | " " for sundry accounts for support of Hospital | 1012 57 | |
| " " | " Balance on hand . . . . . | 1011 64 | |
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# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors of the State Hospital for Women and Infants reports :—

This Hospital—the first and only one of its kind in the State—was opened in February, 1873, and was incorporated by an act of the Court of Common Pleas, June 2, 1873.

The object of the Hospital, as set forth in its Charter, was "the care, nurture, and maintenance of destitute women, married or single, during childbirth, or whilst suffering from diseases peculiar to their sex; of children born of their bodies, either whilst in the care of the corporation or surrendered to it after birth; the providing for the temporal and spiritual welfare of such women and children either within or outside of the institution, as well as the care and boarding of women and children for compensation."

The first of the objects thus enumerated, so far as it related to unmarried women, seemed to the Board the most pressing in its demands, and consequently was the first to secure their attention. In this respect the institution has proved a success, and has been the means doubtless of saving from greater folly and suffering many of the unfortunates who sought its shelter. The management have the assurance that suffering and crime have in many instances been prevented; that patients have been saved from utter despair and been afforded the opportunity of leading peaceful and useful lives. Through the kind assistance of the Ladies' Committee, homes have been found for those who knew not where to turn, and who, being thus once again started in the path of life, will, it is believed, through future years justify the hopes of those who have befriended them.

Some incidents which have occurred in the history of the Hospital have happily illustrated the value of the co-operation of a Ladies' Committee in securing results which would not otherwise have been attained, as witness the marriage, in good faith, of a patient to the man who, instead of becoming her husband and protector, would in the usual course of events have been considered her destroyer.

For the second object enumerated, the treatment of diseases peculiar to women, the Medical Staff have had less encouragement than was hoped for, owing to the disinclination of married women to be treated where cases of the first class are received. The necessity, however, for an asylum where cases of this character can be cared for is as pressing as ever, and it is hoped that ere long satisfactory arrangements will be made for such service.

The third object, the care of the children born in the institution, is admitted to be the most serious problem presenting. The mother is in most instances from the nature of the case averse to the publicity of maternity,

and unable, even if she desired, to support both herself and child, because a knowledge of the facts by the community would be an effectual bar to her employment.

Turn which way we may, the path is beset with difficulties, because no possible treatment can in the nature of things be any other than a choice of evils. Suicide, fœticide, infanticide, and desertion, are to be prevented if possible, and if in avoiding these the best results are not attained it is only that our means have not been sufficient to enable us to carry out the dictates of our judgment and feelings.

What is needed is a provision by which the mothers could remain with their children until they could be safely transferred to the care of nurses. Until Society, realizing the gravity of the work which we have undertaken, enables us to make such arrangements as are demanded, we must be excused for not presenting such results as we could desire.

The Board desires to correct a misapprehension which, doubtless, exists to some extent, that the object of the institution is the care and shelter of the deliberately vicious, but the following provisions of the By-Laws will correct that error.

"No applicant shall be received unless she be clean and free from contagious disease." "No unmarried woman shall be admitted to the Lying-in Hospital except for her first confinement." It is not intended that any one shall be an inmate of the house who is not able to show a previously good reputation. One applicant so far imposed upon the committee and the attending physician as to gain admittance, but facts subsequently discovered revealed her unworthiness, and she was promptly discharged from the institution. This explanation seems necessary, because one individual has been found base enough to deliberately misrepresent the management of the institution and seek to prejudice the community against it through the medium of a daily paper. We have learned, however, that from two classes, the ultra good who raise their hands in holy horror because crime is condoned, and the super-sensitive who complain that the way of the transgressor is not made sufficiently easy, all who seek to minister systematic help to the erring must expect criticism.

In the conduct of the Lying-in Hospital, pains have been taken to save even the poorest from the degradation of pauperism, by insisting upon the payment of even a nominal sum, whenever patients had the means, and in default of such payment they have been required in justice to the patrons of the house to contribute in work according to their ability to the maintenance of the institution.

The disposition of the children born in the institution remains, after the most thoughtful consideration of the managers, the most perplexing of all their responsibilities. In all cases where circumstances made it impossible for the mothers to retain them, provision has been made by procuring their adoption whenever practicable. When this could not be effected, a home in some of the institutions of the city has been provided, and, all other opportunities failing, we have been compelled to send some to the Philadelphia Hospital.

Of the seventy-one children born in the institution, twenty-eight were taken by the mothers, nine were adopted into good families, fourteen were sent to the Children's Home in West Philadelphia, fifteen were sent to the Philadelphia Hospital, three were still-born, and two died shortly after birth.

Whenever a child has been sent to the Children's Home from the insti-

tution the mother has been required if possible to contribute according to her ability to the funds of that Charity.

Believing that such a refuge as we offer is in the interests of humanity and of religion, we desire the objects of the Charity to be properly understood and appreciated by the community, that we may receive from the benevolent such remembrance of our needs as will enable us to continue our efforts to save from utter ruin those who may by such help be restored to useful lives, and that we may more efficiently provide for their innocent offspring.

The Board tenders to the Medical Staff its thanks for the skill and care which cannot fail to be recognized in the fact that no death of a patient has occurred thus far in the history of the institution.

To our friends who have contributed to the support of the Hospital we tender our sincere thanks, and earnestly appeal to all friends of humanity for such assistance as will enable us to extend the benefits of the institution, and place it upon a permanent basis as one of the recognized Christian charities of our city.

A misapprehension has obtained to some extent that our name—State Hospital—indicates State support, which is not the case. The name implies simply that the benefits of the institution may be shared by residents in any part of Pennsylvania. We rely entirely upon voluntary donations and bequests.

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